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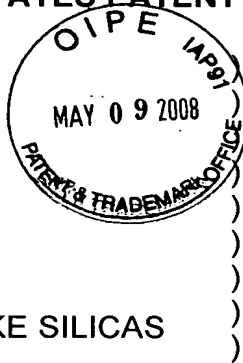
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated January 10, 2008, please amend the
above-identified application as follows: